

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Non-Final Office Action dated July 7, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, claims 16-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Publication No. 2001/0013920 to Hashimoto (hereinafter “Hashimoto”), in view of Japanese Patent No. 61-055625 to Yamamoto (hereinafter “Yamamoto”).

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Yamamoto as applied to claim 16 above, and further in view of United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0083203 to Hashimoto (hereinafter “Hashimoto ‘203”).

Claims 16-22 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-11 and 13-15 of copending Application No. 10/691,662.

Claim 23 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-11 and 13-15 of copending Application No. 10/691,662 in view of Hashimoto.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

With this response, claim 16 has been amended, and claims 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 16 and 21-

23 are currently pending for consideration in this application with claims 1-15 and 24-28 being withdrawn from consideration in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claim 16 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 16 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "providing at least one substrate on a table, wherein a plurality of unit panels are to be formed from the at least one substrate selected in a cell process performed in a production line form" and "supplying a dispensing material to a plurality of dispensers including a plurality of syringes, wherein the dispensing material is one of sealant and silver paste, wherein the dispensers include a first dispenser filled with sealant for forming a seal pattern and a second dispenser filled with silver paste for forming a silver dot and wherein the second dispenser is filled with sealant instead of silver paste if silver dot is not required according to a model of a liquid crystal display panel". None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least the aforementioned features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is allowable over the cited references.

Accordingly, claim 16 and claims 21-23, which depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 16, are allowable over Hashimoto in view of Yamamoto. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 16-22 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-11 and 13-15 of co-pending Application No. 10/691,662. And, claim 23 is provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-11 and 13-15 of

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copending Application No. 10/691,662 in view of Hashimoto. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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